

## Minutes & Actions items - ALIVE Ministry meeting on August 6, 2019 at 7:00pm

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**ALIVE: Affirming the LGBT+ community in an Inclusive, Valuing Environment**

**In attendance on August 6th:** Alana Florio, Jules Valencia Banks, Graham Yearley, Charlotte Grahe, Sue Woodman, Maureen Daly, Anne Asquino

**THANKS to everyone for another great meeting! :)**

- The meeting opened with the group reciting together our prayer and confidentiality statement.
- Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept 11 at 7:00pm**. Subsequent meetings beginning in October will be on the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm**
- Please mark on your calendars **Saturday, March 7, 2020** which is the date for the next annual Social Ministry Convocation (SMC) event.
- We finalized our plans for ALIVE's **August 25** trip to Washington DC to attend DignityUSA's 6:00pm Mass: <http://www.dignitywashington.org/mass-on-sunday/mass/>
  - o We will all meet at St. Vs to carpool at **4:00pm**. **Maureen & Jules** will drive.
  - o All to wear ALIVE buttons and bring brochures (**Jules** to have more brochures printed).
  - o There is a brief social after the mass. We plan to go to dinner afterwards before returning to Baltimore.
- We made plans for **ALIVE's Movie night on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm** in the undercroft "**State of Pride**" (flyer attached) – **Maureen** is leading
  - o We will all arrive at **5:00pm** to set up. Food & Refreshments: Pizza (**Alana**), Veggie Tray (**Sue**) Fruit (**Charlotte**), Soda (**Anne & Graham**), Cookies (**Jules**)
  - o Determine AV requirements – **Maureen** to contact Denny McMullin
  - o **Alana** has the movie downloaded on her laptop. No wi-fi required
  - o **Alana** has set up a facebook event. Other ALIVE members on facebook are to share this event on their facebook page and also share by inviting other

parishioners, friends, family, etc.

- o Have our event flyer published in the e-newsletter (**Maureen**)
- o Announce this event after Sunday Mass on Sept 8 (**Jules**) & Sept 15 (**Maureen**)
- o Movie introduction and lead the discussion afterwards (**Maureen & Alana**)
- ALIVE's attendance at this **Thursday, November 7th** event: **What the Golden Rule Really Means in Serving the LGBTQ+ Community**, Westminster Hall, 519 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 (detailed description attached) **Need to determine the time of this event. Anne and Sue** plan to go. Others may go as well.
- ALIVE's attendance at FCBWP Movie night (**Stonewall documentary**) at St. Ignatius on Thursday, **August 22** at 6:00pm (flyer attached) **Jules, Charlotte & Alana** plan to go.
- We agreed **beginning in 2020 that ALIVE plans to host 1 event per quarter**. This is in addition to our monthly meetings and our participation in other LGBTQ+ ministry hosted meetings & events.

#### **Other actions and plans in process:**

- **ALIVE's website** on St. V.s home page: we want to include on our page ALIVE events and meeting info as well as events happening at other LGBTQ+ ministries in the Baltimore Archdiocese (**Alana**)
- Regarding the "**Male and Female He Created Them**" Vatican document, **Father Ray** said he would put down on paper some of his notes and thoughts and provide them to the ALIVE ministry.
- **Ongoing activity**: Attend group meetings & events of other similar Catholic LGBTQ+ welcoming ministries in the Baltimore area. **Alana** will develop a consolidated list of the various ministries (those already established and those in process of forming or have interest) and a schedule of when they regularly meet and other activities/events they have planned. **Alana** will generate an email signup sheet so one or two members of ALIVE can agree to cover specific meetings/events when possible:
  - o LEAD Ministry (**St. Mathew**) 2nd Sunday at 12:30pm
  - o EGG Ministry (**St. Ignatius**) 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm at 110 E. Madison Street
  - o **St. Anthony?**
  - o **St. Bernadette?**
- **October 23**: "**A Night of Sharing**". Invite the speakers from the LGBTQ Workshop March Social Ministry Convocation to share their stories with our congregation and others with whom we are beginning to network. October also happens to be National Coming Out Month. This must be coordinated with the Education & Enrichment Committee to avoid conflict with other planned activities (**Alana**).

- **Q1 2020:** Arrange a meeting that would include representatives of other parish LGBT ministries to discuss the James Alison article: **“Toward Global Inclusion of LGBT People Within the Catholic Communities: A new theological approach”** . Reach out to Goucher College, Hopkins University, Towson University, Loyola, Notre Dame of Maryland University LGBT groups for participation. **(Peggy)**
- **TBD, Awaiting AB Lori’s response:** Invite Archbishop Lori and a few representatives of LGBT ministries in our Archdiocese to a dinner we would sponsor for open dialog and understanding. **Ryan** is awaiting a response from AB Lori from an invitation he sent in a recent letter.

#### **Other ideas from previous meetings:**

- Schedule forums for further understanding of LGBT stories and spiritual needs.
- "Night of Song & Prayer": Alana and Graham with St. V's Choir/Music group and other musical groups & talents from other supportive parishes.
- Invite Speakers from Dignity, BCFWP, New Ways Ministry etc.
- Annual Retreats

Thanks,

Alana

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